detective agencies for tackling the problem of terrorism;

(b) if so, the countries and agencies from which such assistance is likely to be received; and

(c) the nature of the said assistance and the progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a): There is no such proposal.

(b) and (c): Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Return of Indians to Kuwait

4676. SHRI SURESHNAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the extent of loss to the property left behind by Indians in Kuwait during the gulf war?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): The compensation claims are being consolidated and the actual extent of loss can be ascertained only after the claims have been consolidated.

[*English*]

Status of Darjeeling

4677. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of the Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF) has recently given an ultimatum to the Centre on the status of the Darjeeling hills as reported in the Telegraph dated February 20, 1992; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b): Shri Subhash Ghising, President of the Gorkha National Liberation Front, has sent communications to the Government requesting to clarify the 'legal' status of the Darjeeling Hills areas, in the context of Indo Nepal Treaty of Peace and Friendship, 1950. Government, however, is of the firm view that since Darjeeling is an integral part of the country there is no room for any ambiguity about its legal status, and thus no further clarification is required.

Project from Bombay High

4678. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some projects from Bombay High are pending with the Government for sanction;

(b) if so, the details of those projects;

(c) since when these projects are pending;

(d) the reasons for delay in sanctioning the same; and

(e) the time by which these are likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b): Three projects relating